

My Summer Work and Travel Experience

我的暑期工作和旅行经历

My summer working place was in a McDonald's Restaurant in a small town in Rhode Island, the smallest but also the most delicate state in my mind. Working in the restaurant is one of the best ways to dig American culture and really trained my ability. I learned a lot from there, such as communication skills to all kinds of people; dealing with emergencies, and most importantly, bringing warm and comfortable feelings to customers.

暑假里我在罗德岛上一家麦当劳餐馆打工。在我的印象里，罗德岛是最小的但却是最美妙的小岛。在那工作是了解美国文化的最佳方式之一，同时我自身的能力也得到了良好的训练。我从中收获了很多，比如说，跟不同人沟通的能力，处理紧急情况的能力，更重要的是，我能给顾客们形成一种温暖舒适的感觉。

This program has a long history, so it knows exactly how to get me serve guest from knowing nothing at the beginning. At later days of the first week, I started training to get to know more about restaurant management, and then following an experienced manager, I went to my working position to slowly understand my duty. Gradually after 3 training days, I started working without her by my side. Of course, I made a lot of mistakes at the beginning, like serving the wrong order, but I learnt by doing and became more confident after a few weeks. What I have done really encouraged myself a lot.

这个项目已经持续了很长时间，所以我很容易从零基础着手学习怎样服务于顾客。第一周快结束的时候，我开始接受关于餐馆管理方面的培训。之后有资深经理指导我，使我在岗位上逐渐明白自己的各种职责。在为期三天的培训之后，我开始独自工作。当然，起初我犯了很多诸如给顾客上错单的错误，但经过几周的适应我变得自信多了。这些经历的确给了我很多鼓励。

Talking about the nature of work, basically, I took orders, operated the cashier, presented food to customers everyday and talked to them. Sometimes I handled questions like if there are other toys for the Happy Meals. Dealing with kids was a lot of fun.

我每天的工作内容基本上是给顾客出订单，收费，上单。有时我还要处理顾客的一些问询，比如特供套餐是否赠送玩偶之类。能和孩子们相处会给我带来很多乐趣。



My working shift of McDonald's.

- Travelling

Travelling is one of the best ways to broaden my horizon.

1. Rhode Island trips: Since the small town I stayed is near the coast, I made constant trips to beaches. Besides, I went to Newport, New England in IR and also to Mystic in CT. Those are all fantastic places to visit.



My visit to beaches in RI.



A beautiful souvenir shop in Mystic.

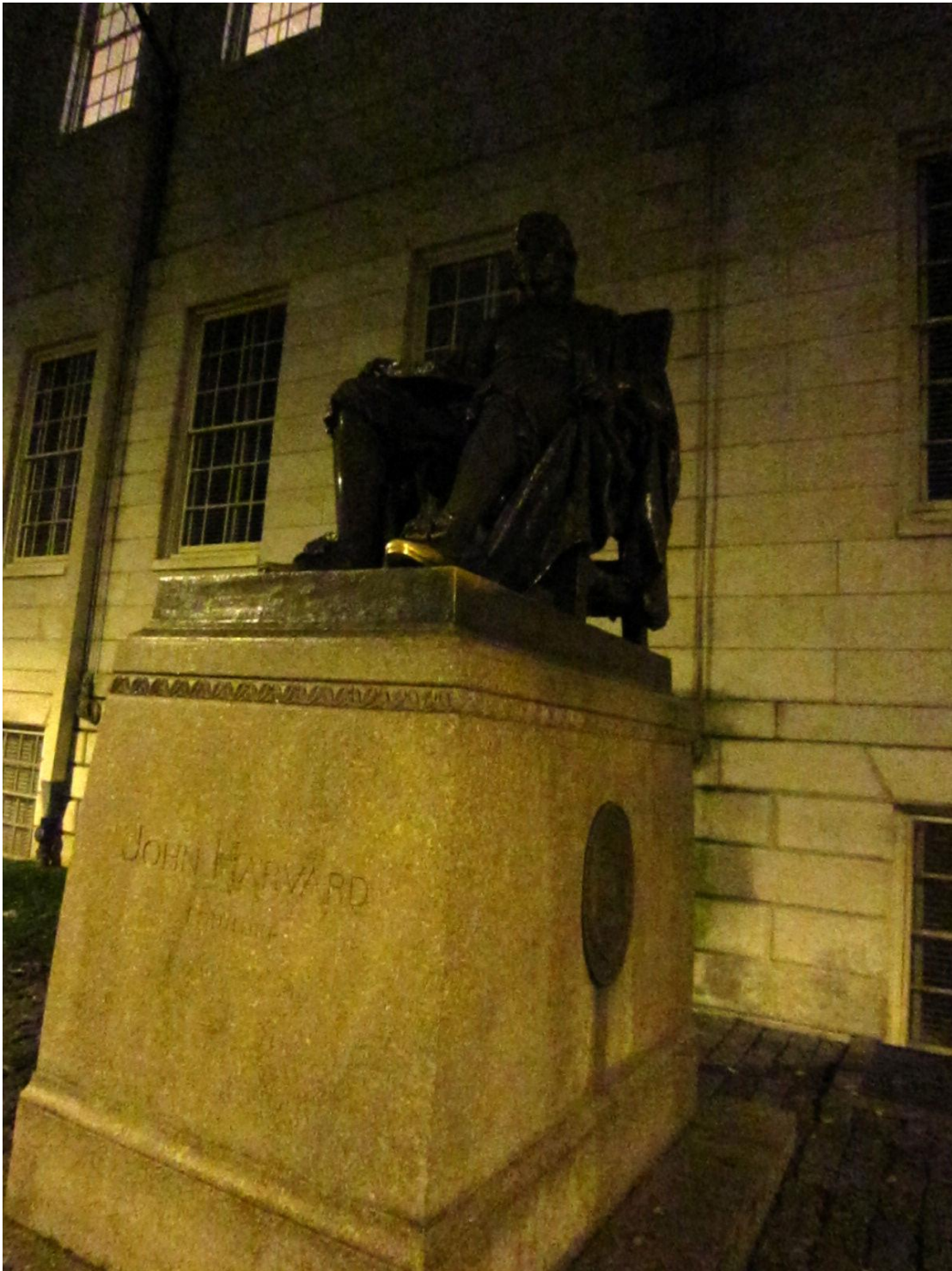


The town Westerly.



In Newport.

2. Boston: I made the trip to Boston with the other 4 of my friends. I went to Boston at the end of the program because I have one week before I went back China. There are various companies providing transportation to and fro Boston. But we chose the train, which can sent us back in one day.

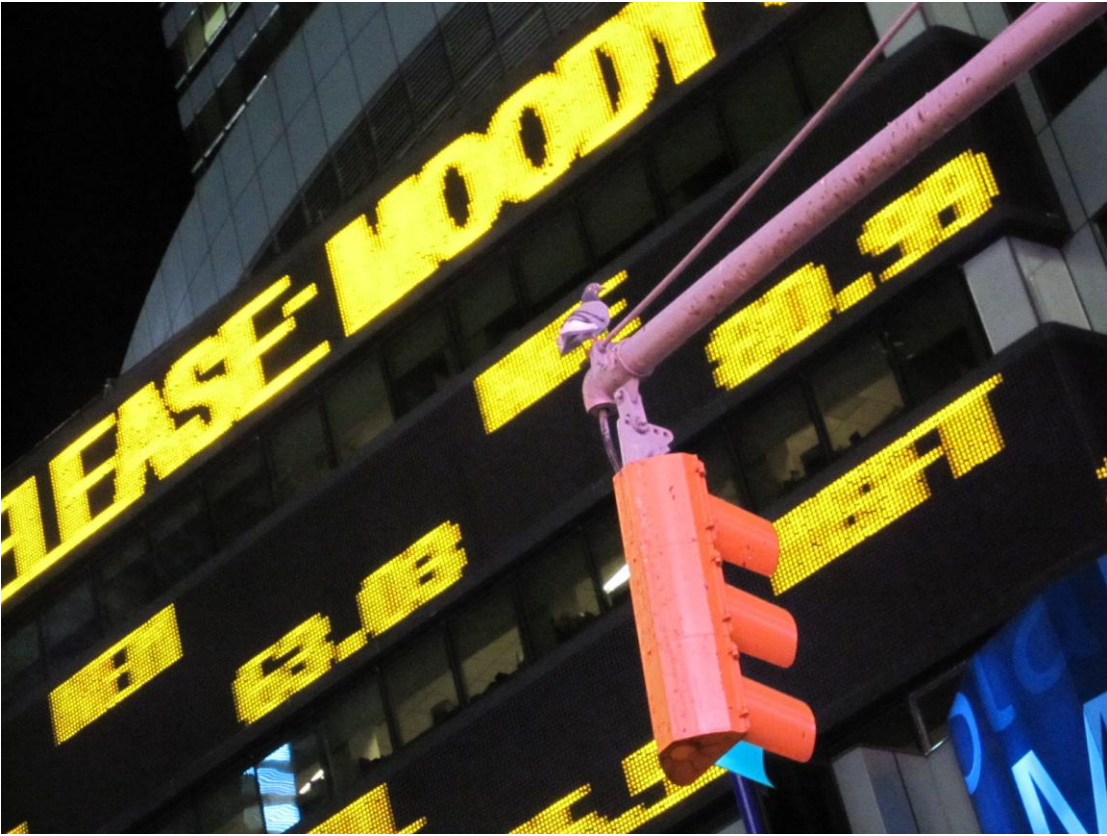


Night visit to Harvard.



Hong Kong restaurant in Boston.

3. New York City: I travelled to New York city after the program. We joined a local tour to LV and Grand Canyon. The experience



In front of Morgan Stanley



In Time Square.

- General comments

Before joining this program, I had never left China in my lifetime. Experiencing a new lifestyle and trying to live independently are my main reason of choosing the U.S. instead of looking for summer internships in China.

The three months in the U.S. has been like a dream. Although working as sometimes irregular and tiring, living without stress and travelling with joy make me say that the U.S. has been the “Freedom world” in our hearts.

Except for working, I had a lot of time talking with the local people, the old, students, and even passed by strangers. That’s a good way to make me more extrovert and also the best way to practice my oral English. Living in this kind of environment made me feel full of happiness.



- Last word

Same as other students participated in this program before, when I came back, I suddenly found out I have friends from all over the world now. This allowed me to learn how different people live. Although I may not agree with their lifestyles, I learn how to respect others.

Joining this program may be a chance in a lifetime.

Some more photos --

In front of Foxwoods casino.





It was the gay day in McDonald's.